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Office Action Summary

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Art Unit

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 25 February 2008.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 6, 8 and 18-26 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 18-26 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 6, 8 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-8508)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

The Examiner acknowledges the amendments submitted 2/25/2008. The amendments to claims 6 and 8 and cancellation of claims 16 and 17 are accepted.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 6 and 8 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Objections

Claims 6 and 8 are objected to because of the following informalities:

Claims 6 and 8 contain many grammatical errors that make the claims hard to read and understand. For example, the claims recite "leads" however it appears "loads" was intended. Claim 6 reads "a command device for issuing command signal to control unit" however should read "...for issuing a command signal to the control unit". Claim 6 reads "so that the total power consumption of loads close to the power generation..." is grammatically incorrect and should read "so that the total power consumption of the loads are close to the power generation..."

The claims should be checked and corrected for grammatical errors including those not listed above.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 6 and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Tweed (US 6,097,108).

A power supply system comprising:

- A first switch (C14, figure 4) for normally connecting a plurality of loads (34, figure 1) with a power system at normal times and disconnecting them upon interruption of electric service (see column 6, line 45 to column 7, line 24), the plurality of loads being normally supplied with power from the power system at the normal times and supplied with power from a distributed power source (38, figure 1) upon the interruption of the electric service from the power system
- A second switch (36, figure 4) for connecting the plurality of loads with the distributed power source upon the interruption of the electric service
- A control unit (PLC, 12, figure 4, see column 5, lines 27-37) for adjusting the power consumption of the plurality of loads;
- A command device (read on by utility interface 24, figure 1, see column 5, lines 38-62) for issuing a command signal to said control unit for shutting off the loads that have been predetermined among the plurality of leads [loads] or reducing the power consumption of

the loads which have been predetermined among the plurality of leads so that the total power consumption of loads close to the power generation amount of the distributed power source, before the interruption of the electric service begins in the case where a time at which a service interruption is going to take place is provided in advance (see column 5, lines 27-37)

- And next issuing a command signal for turning on said second switch (36), and then issuing a command signal for turning off said first switch (C14), and issuing a command signal to said control unit for shutting off the loads in ascending order of influence of their being shut off or reducing the power consumption of the loads in ascending order of influence of their being reduced (see column 5, lines 27-37 and column 5, line 63 to column 6, line 24) until the total power consumption of loads [is] close to the power generation amount of the distributed power source, in the case where the total power consumption of loads is larger than the power generation amount of the distributed power source during the interruption of the electric service from the power system.

Conclusion

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO

MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Daniel Cavallari whose telephone number is 571-272-8541. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 9:00am-5:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael Sherry can be reached on (571)272-2800 x36. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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